

**INDIANA'S GUIDE TO STUDENT SUCCESS** 

**GRADES K-2** 

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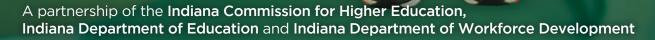
YOUR CHILD'S

**FUTURE!** 

Learn about jobs of the future!

It's not too early to think about college

Enter for a chance to win \$529 for college!





## DEAR INDIANA STUDENTS,

counselor.

elcome to Learn More! In this magazine, you will learn about options for your future. You can read this magazine by yourself, with your family, or with another caring adult like a teacher or

Grab your pencils and flip through these pages to start discovering what your future holds! And, check out our campaigns throughout the year to find out how you can prepare for college and career success: College GO! (August-November), Cash for College (December-March) and Career Ready (April-July) have information and fun activities to help you turn your dreams into a reality.

After you finish the magazine, visit **LearnMoreIndiana.org/** contest with an adult to enter for a chance to win \$529 in a college savings account.

Have a great school year!

## DEAR INDIANA PARENTS,

**Learn More** isn't just for kids. We encourage you to read this magazine with your child as a way to talk about college and career readiness. It's never too early to start thinking about your student's career choices, college options and the cost of college.

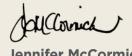
Be sure to check out the parents' corner in each section of **Learn More** to read about ways you can ensure your child is prepared to succeed.





**Eric Holcomb** Governor, State of Indiana





**Jennifer McCormick** Superintendent of Public Instruction, Indiana Department of Education



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#### STUDENT CHECKLIST

#### **CAREER**

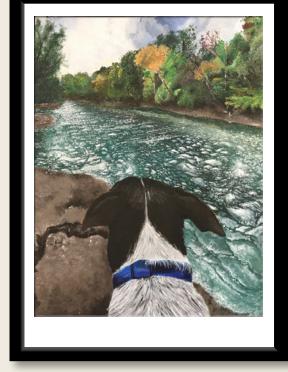
- ☐ Ask your parents or another caring adult about visiting a job that interests you.
- Read about a career you might like to have. Learn about some careers in Indiana on the next few pages.
- Do your best work. School is your job, so you should work hard every day!

#### COLLEGE

- ☐ Talk to your parents or other adults about where they went to college and what it was
- ☐ Visit a college campus. Look at the Indiana college map on the back cover to find one near you.
- Ask your teacher about his or her college days.



**STEFANY** is in 2nd grade at Springfield Elementary School. She wants to be a eterinarian when she grows up. She's preparing for her career now by taking care of her family's chickens and turkeys.



KATIE is a senior at Noblesville High School. She wants to be an artist when she grows up. Her drawing is called "Adventures at Potters Bridge." It's based on a bridge over the White River in Noblesville, Indiana.

#### COST

- Be a good student. Being a good student now might earn you money for college later.
- ☐ Save money for college, or open an Indiana CollegeChoice 529 Direct Savings Plan.
- ☐ Visit **LearnMoreIndiana.org/contest** with an adult to enter for a chance to win \$529 in a CollegeChoice 529 Direct Savings Plan.

#### **Parent Checklist**

- 1. Help your child develop an interest in reading that will last a lifetime. Read with your child, and consider setting aside time each week for you and your child to read together.
- 2. Check your child's homework and follow his or her progress in school. Pay attention to report cards and attend parent/teacher conferences. If you cannot attend a conference because of the time, talk to your child's teacher about other options.
- 3. Start saving for your child's education today. See page 15 to learn about Indiana's CollegeChoice 529 Direct Savings Plan.

## CAREER

career is a job. A career requires special training. Usually you get the skills you need for a career in college.

There are a lot of careers to choose from! Some careers let you work outside. Many careers use computers. You should pick a career you will enjoy. What do you like to do? Talk to your parents and teachers about careers you are interested in.

A career is what you will do when you grow up.

Indiana needs people for all kinds of careers. There are careers that help us get food, keep us healthy and build things. Every career is different, and all careers are important!



#### CAREER READY

**Learn more about careers** during Career Ready, every April through July! Visit **LearnMoreIndiana.org/career** to learn more.

## Education & Training 🍎

areers in education and for their future. This includes teaching, planning and training others. People who work in this field must know about all of the subjects thev teach.

There are a lot of careers to choose from in education and training! The most common career is a teacher. Teachers

usually go to college for four training prepare students years and earn a bachelor's degree. Some teachers go for even longer and earn a master's degree. Preschool teachers teach young children. They usually go to college for two years to earn an associate degree. Teachers teach students of all ages—even college! Teachers teach things like math, reading, history and science.

If you were a teacher, what subject would you teach?



enforce laws to protect people.

## Health Science 🔼

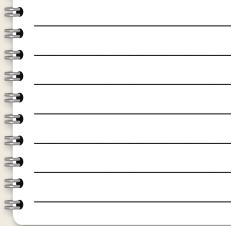
areers in health science are all about helping people get and stay healthy. They check-up on people who are sick, create new medicines, and teach people about healthy foods. This is very important!

There are many careers to choose from! Registered nurses go to college for four years to earn a bachelor's degree. They help take care of sick people. Doctors go to college for at least eight years! They help people who are sick and operate on people who need it.

Doctors and nurses usually work at a hospital or doctor's office. People who work in health science must know a lot of science and math!

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)	How many health science careers can you think of? (Hint: think about people you see when you visit the doctor or dentist)
)	or dentist.)
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## Information Technology <a></a>



areers in information technology (IT) work with technology like computers, tablets, phones, and even your refrigerator. They make life easier by creating new technology and programs to help us go places, talk to people and do many other things! People working in IT helped create the Internet!

There are a lot of careers in information technology! Web developers usually go to college for two years to earn an associate degree. They design and create websites.

Software developers usually go to college for four years to earn a bachelor's degree. They create, update and test computer programs and applications to make sure they work.

Can you think of a career that uses computers?



## Manufacturing **E**

areers in manufacturing turn raw materials (things like wood and oil) into products to buy and use. People who work in manufacturing plan, build and check the products they make. People who work in manufacturing usually work in a factory or mill. Many factories are high-tech! They use robots or computers to make products.

There are many manufacturing jobs to choose from! Machinists usually go to school for one year to earn a certificate or for two years to earn an associate

degree. Machinists set up and run computers and machines that help make products.

•	If you could make any product, what
	would it be?

Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics

areers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) research and plan new things. They also make things work better. They work in offices, laboratories and even outside!

One important career in STEM is an engineer. Most engineers go to college to earn a bachelor's degree or master's degree. Engineers use technology to create new products or fix problems. There are many types of engineers! Some engineers work with machines. Some work with roads or buildings. Some work with computers. All engineers must be very good at math and science.

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Deerfield Elementary School. He wants to be an engineer when he grows up. Garrett practices now by building things with his toys.

## Look into the Future



My career will be

**7** ou're growing up fast! Once you're grown up, vou get to make lots of choices.

Where will you live? What activities will you enjoy? What career will you have?

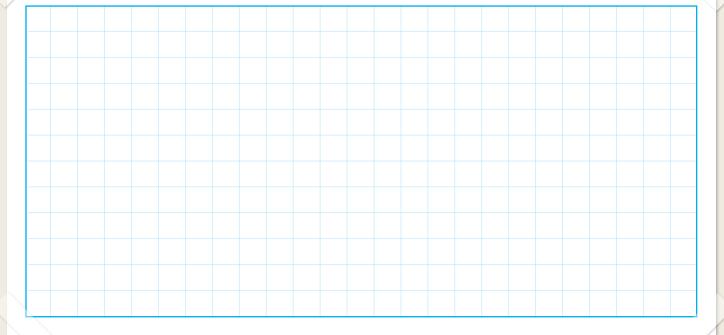
In 20 years...

I will be

years old. I am going to live in

My favorite thing to do will be

#### Pretend you are a scientist. What would you invent? Draw it below.



#### **Hey Parents!**

It might seem early to talk to your son or daughter about careers—but the sooner the discussion starts, the more prepared your child will be. Ask your child what his or her dreams and goals are. Consider setting short-term goals together, and model the importance of following through on a goal. Talk to your child about your career and the skills you use on a daily basis, and point out different careers you see with your child.

Every career uses math in some way, and the fastest-growing, highest-paying jobs rely heavily on math and critical thinking skills. Help your child by pointing out math in the everyday world—count money, measure and sort objects and talk about sports scores to show your child that math is everywhere. It's never too early or too late to get your child thinking about his or her future. Visit **LearnMoreIndiana.org/career** for more information.

## COLLEGE

ollege teaches you new things, including what you need to know for your future career. You might be in college for one year, two years, four years or more! When you are done, you will have a degree or certificate.

**College is fun!** You will make new friends. You will choose your classes. You will prepare for your future.

College is important. Most jobs require a college degree or certificate. You should plan now to go to college. That means working hard in school every day. Think about what you like to do and what you are good at. This will help you know what to study in college.



## College is education and training you go to after high school.

Indiana has more than 50 colleges! That's a lot to choose from! Your college might be close to home or it might be far away. Your college might be big or small. Most colleges have a lot of buildings including classrooms, a library, a cafeteria and more. Some colleges have dorms (small apartments where students live). Colleges have a lot of different subjects you can study, like computers, science, health and more!

Think you will study in
college?
(Hint: think about what you like
to do and what you will need to
know for your future career.)
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#### COLLEGE GO!

Learn more about college during College GO!, every August through November! Visit LearnMoreIndiana.org/ college to learn more.

Billy and Susan are both college students. Billy's books are BLUE and Susan's books are RED. How many books do Billy and Susan have?



Billy

Susan

## Indiana's College Options 💭



An apprentice at ABC, Inc. (Associated Builders and Contractors). He's learning to build things.

#### **College Character Traits**

College students have one thing in common. They work hard! College students go to class and study so they can graduate and get a good job. Being a good student means working hard every day. What else can you do to be a good student? Fill in the three bubbles with ways you will be a good student this year.



An Ivy Tech Community College student is learning about computer science.



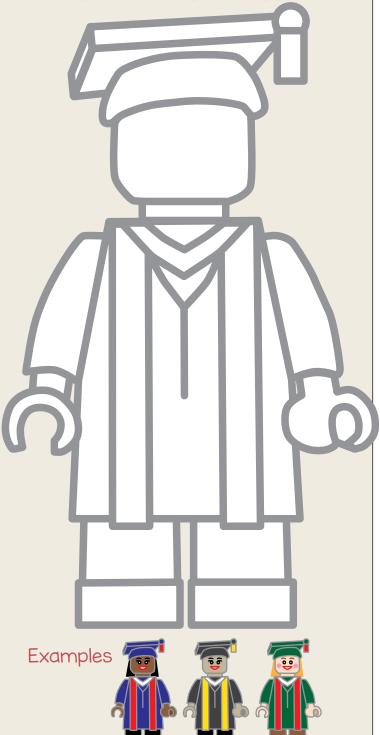
A Purdue University student working in a chemistry lab. Chemistry is a type of science.

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## My Dream College 😂

t may seem far away, but your path to college starts right now. What do you think college will be like? Imagine what your dream college would look like, and draw it below. -

Color a picture of you graduating college!



#### **Meet BREE!**

ree is in 1st grade at Deerfield Elementary School. She wants to be a fashion designer when she grows up. She has a lot of work to do!

Bree will work hard in school now so she is ready for college. Fashion designers must be good at art, math and computers. It is important that Bree does her best work now so she will be ready for college when she graduates high school.

Fashion designers usually go to college for four years to earn a bachelor's degree. In college, fashion designers learn how to draw clothing. They also learn how to use computers to design clothes for kids and adults. Fashion designers must pay attention to details to make sure all the measurements are right.

After fashion designers earn their degree, they can work for a big company or start their own business making and selling clothes. Designers who start their own business must be good at math to keep track of money and sales.



How many years will Bree go to college? Color the correct number of shoes.



#### **Hey Parents!**



College matters. Nearly two-thirds of all new jobs in Indiana will require some form of education beyond high school. You can prepare your son or daughter

for the future by setting high expectations now. Talk to your child about how important school is and how important it is to work hard. Talk to your child each day about what he or she is learning, and start good study habits now by setting aside 20 minutes

each day to read—that way your son or daughter will be ready when there's more homework. Learn more at LearnMoreindiana.org/college.

Thinking about going back to college yourself? You Can. Go Back. is a statewide campaign that aims to help the 750,000+ Hoosier adults with some college but no degree finish what they started. Find out more, including information on financial aid for adults, at YouCanGoBack.org.

## COST

ou will have to pay to learn about your future job. College is worth it! It will help you get a good job you enjoy.

There are a lot of ways to pay for college. One way is by earning a **scholarship**. A scholarship is free money for college! There are scholarships for good grades and for people homework. Maybe you are who are good at sports or art. To earn money to pay for college, you have to be a good student. Being a good student doesn't mean you have to get all A's, but it does mean you have to try every day, even if it's hard.

What can you do now to help you earn a scholarship?

Listen. You can't learn if you aren't paying attention.

#### The amount of money you pay for something is the cost. College has a cost.

Do your best. Always try your hardest. You will be proud of yourself, and you might earn a scholarship later!

**Ask for help.** If you are having trouble, talk to an adult. You can talk to your teacher, your parents or your school counselor. Maybe you don't understand your math having trouble getting along with another student. That's OK. Just ask for help when you need it.

Don't give up. Sometimes school is fun, but sometimes it is hard too. Don't give up! This is called **perseverance**. If you have perseverance you work hard toward your goals, even when it is hard. The people who give out scholarships like to see that you have perseverance.

Pretend you are getting ready to go to college. What do you think you will get a scholarship for?
(Hint: Think about what you
are best at.)
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#### CASH FOR COLLEGE

Learn more about the costs of college during Cash for College, every December through March! Visit **LearnMoreIndiana.org/cost** to learn more.



**KALEB** is in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade at Lakeside Elementary School. He knows being a good student means helping other students.

## Save for College \*\*\*

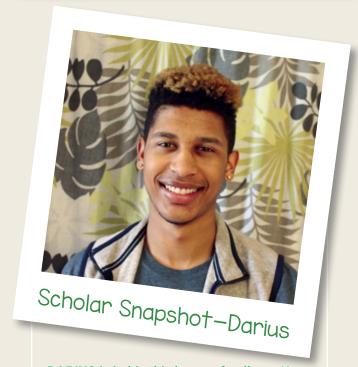


ollege can be expensive, but it will help you get a good start on your career. You and your family can start saving now. Save part of your birthday money. Save money you get from doing chores. Save money for college instead of buying candy.

Color the picture of Joey doing chores to earn money for college.







**DARIUS** is in his third year of college. He has a scholarship from Indiana called the 21st Century Scholarship that is helping him pay for college. His advice to students is to work hard now! It'll pay off later.

**College: Purdue University** 

Major: Chemistry with minors in management and psychology

Degree: Bachelor's degree

Future Plans: Attend dental school to become a dentist

## Super Saver!

ollege will be expensive! You can start saving money now to pay for it. Sarah is sorting the money she has saved for college this month. For each pile, write how many coins there are in the first set of boxes. In the second set of boxes, write the amount of money in the piles.

Each nickel is 5 cents





Each dime is 10 cents



How many quarters?

How many dimes?

How many nickels?

How many pennies?

How much money is that?

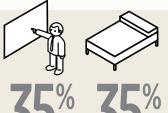
#### **Hey Parents!**

College costs money, but it's a worthwhile investment. Talk to your

child about the importance of saving money, and encourage them to use a piggy bank or savings account. Visit **LearnMoreIndiana.org/contest** with vour child so he or she can enter for a chance to win \$529 in a savings account! In Indiana, the average public four-year college costs \$21,330 a year, and the average public two-year college costs \$16,956 a year.

Check out the information below for a breakdown of the costs of college.

The State of Indiana, the federal government and colleges have money to help students pay for college. And, financial aid isn't just for traditional or full-time students. If you're considering going back to college, Indiana has money for adult students too! Visit LearnMoreIndiana.org/other-indianascholarship-programs to learn more.



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#### College Saving is as Easy as 529!

WHERE YOUR

**COLLEGE DOLLARS GO** 

The Indiana CollegeChoice 529 Direct Savings **Plan** is an easy way to invest in your child's education tax-free. The 529 plan offers these great features:

Easy setup. It only takes a \$10 deposit to get started. And anyone—friends, grandparents or relatives—can contribute.

**Tax benefits.** Withdrawals for education tuition, books and other college expenses are tax-free. Plus, any Indiana resident who contributes to your child's account can qualify for a state tax credit of up to \$1,000 each year.

**Automatic deposits.** If you want to make a regular commitment to your child's future, you can set up an automatic deposit from your paycheck. Saving couldn't be easier!

# CollegeChoice 529\*

**Shop 'n save.** Sign up for Upromise at Upromise.com and a portion of your family's everyday spending on household items and restaurants will be deposited in your savings

**Simple transfers.** What if you save more than your child needs? The account's beneficiary is easily changed to a sibling or other relative. Visit CollegeChoiceDirect.com to learn more.

Learn more tips about saving and paying for college at LearnMoreIndiana.org/cost.

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## INDIANA COLLEGES

